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SUBJECT: Request for Special National Intelligence Estimate (U)

TO: Director, Central Intelligence

1. The recent Soviet proposals for a reduction of armaments contains a recommendation as to the number of military personnel certain major powers would be permitted to maintain in their defense establishment. The forces of the USSR and US would be limited to not more than 1,500,000 personnel; and, assuming a Soviet force of this size, it would be necessary for the USSR to reduce their present force by 2,500,000. However, it would be possible for the USSR to adopt various measures to circumvent this reduction. Military units could be maintained at reduced strengths and brought rapidly up to authorized strengths by utilizing trained reserves and a highly efficient mobilization system. Present security forces could be converted to civilian status and maintain their present capability for internal security. Logistical and administrative functions could be accomplished by civilian organizations or individuals.

2. In view of these and other possible Soviet measures to circumvent limitations on the size of their armed forces, it is requested that a special NIE be produced on a priority basis. This estimate would be intended to provide planners and policy makers with a complete analysis of the Soviet ability to evade limitations.

*Suggest an informal discussion this morning*

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